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We hereby declare that any invention disclosed but not claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,272,887, which is cited in a rejection by the Examiner, was derived from the inventors of this application and is thus not the invention by another.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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